





Pawson May 29<sup>th</sup> 1842

Dear Brother, I now take it upon me to write a few lines in consequence of sickness & other cares & difficulties I have for a long time neglected to write I hope these few lines may find you and family well my family are tolerably well mother arrived at my house last November from Wyandott Michigan the place where Arson lives and son wants to come to Vassar but is too poor to get there.

I wrote a letter about the 1<sup>st</sup> of March to send to you but heard you was to start in April to come to New York & did not send it.

I am exceedingly thankful for the Book of Mormon you sent to me the greatest present I have had since I have lived in New York the Star nine numbers of 1<sup>st</sup> Volume & several of second I am also under obligations to you for my wife is very thankful for the dress you sent her & sends her best respects to you & your wife my wife came from the State of Maine when six years old & since that from Genessee County State of New York.

I moved from Fulton County the middle of August 1840 I and my wife were taken sick in Sept same year I was sick till the next <sup>my wife</sup> Spring died in about two weeks with fever & family way. I expended my household furniture & cow to pay my expenses & clothe myself thinking I should soon get well & come to England according to your request. I intended to start about 1<sup>st</sup> of December 1840 but my sickness as I before observed lasted till Spring I had to seek a home & picked up a new family.

I hope you are doing well in the temporal line if I aint your fate has been so hard in Missouri and elsewhere that I rejoice to hear of your Prosperity. Mother wishes if your circumstances will admit for you to send her a shawl as she has none has no way to get any she lives with me & shares with me in my poor living. considerable Part of the time Indian corn is the best we can get for bread.



Respecting the money you sent to ~~me~~ me to buy Cows  
with I shall Pay back to you when you come to Navroo as Probably  
Brother onours Letter will Teach you the fallacy of trying to  
Keep Cattle in a Place where a handsman is to be employed  
to drive them 6 or 7 miles to grass besides this wintering Cattle  
with corn will be \$10 Per head. Consider the vast Populati-  
on in this & how different it is from what it was when you left  
this Place. you will want one good cow when you come here  
I have two good cows one english milk tree and one three year old heifer  
which gives the richest milk you ever see in your life she is a yellow  
skinned yellow horn, & her skin is full of yellow milk.  
I intend to let you have one of mine when you come.  
& the balance in money when you arrive at this Place you  
may depend on without fail.

money is very hard & times Dull Provisions Low Pork  
was brought in to this Place last fall & sold at  
~~three~~ \$1.50 Per hundred Beans from 5:5 Bits Per Bushel  
Corn is worth from 20 to 25 Cents Per bushel Flour from  
\$4 to \$5 dollars Per Barrel Bacon of the choicest kind  
from 5 to 6 cents Per lb & every thing else but merchants  
goods in Proportion

Eggs are worth 6 1/4 Cents Doz Butter 8 cents to 10<sup>th</sup>  
I have but little to write & so I bid you fare well  
& Remain your Brother in the flesh as well as in the  
Bonds of the everlasting covenant

William. D. Pratt.

to Parley P. Pratt.



Mr Parley P. Pratt.  
Liverpool  
England



Nauvoo June the 11 1842

Dear Brother Parly Pratt after my best respects to  
you by Request of Brother William Parr we  
write you a few lines to let you know his situation  
at this time we was in New Orleans last march  
on Buismep for the Church when we met with  
Brother Parr who informed us of his situation we request  
him to go to Nauvoo which he did he is now in the  
City in good health and at work in a brickyard  
and will do well provided his family was here  
Brother Parr is a good faithful Brother & worthy  
of the Confidence of the Church at home and abroad  
and if you or any of the Brethren ~~can~~ <sup>help</sup> his  
family to means to pay their passage to Nauvoo  
we will truly thank you that Brother Parr will  
pay the same as soon as he can earn it }

Therefore hoping the Saint in England will assist  
his family in coming Nauvoo <sup>peace</sup> all the subject  
by subscribing hand seals you Brothers and friends  
in the New and ever lasting Covenant

Yours Wight  
J. M. Brown  
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Mr. Parly P. Pratt  
Liverpool  
Lancashire  
England —

Received  
by Mr. Pratt  
C. Pratt



Nauvoo, W. June 16. 1842

Dear brother in the Lord:—

It has been so long, and so many scenes have transpired since I last saw you that I thought I would not let this opportunity pass without writing. By the star I see what progress you make in this last kingdom of our Lord and Savior. I am now on the largest amount of business that I have ever undertaken, since I have been in the Church. It is to write and compile the History of Br. Joseph, embracing the entire history of the Church. It will occupy <sup>my</sup> ~~some~~ <sup>many</sup> ~~and~~ talents for a long time, should <sup>not</sup> interfere.

Nauvoo, gains very fast. And the prophet gains; he seems to be strengthened according to what is necessary to accomplish the great work of the last days.

It is in general, healthy with us, and although the saints arrive daily by water and by land, provisions are plenty and cheap. The Temple columns are now being raised, or at least the plinths or bases of them have been hoisted



upon the wall, and they appear quite  
sublime. The season has been some-  
what cool though crops look promising.  
When you come here if you could bring  
me an old Bible, translated and printed  
before King James' you would confer on  
your old friend, a great favor.

We think a great deal of the return  
of Bro O. Hyde: He has greatly honored  
his calling; and showed himself an  
ardent and manly soldier of his  
Heavenly Master: I can never think  
of him, without bringing to mind  
the snail on a cat.

Bros Fielding & Clark will give  
more particulars than I can write.  
Give my respects to all saints.

Ed. F. Pratt.

As ever

W. W. Phelps

Liverpool 3  
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P.S. Enclose you a couple of the latest  
specimens of my muse, published in  
our city.



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Elder Parley P Pratt.

Liverpool  
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Nauvoo. June the 17 1842

Dear Brother and sister <sup>Bennett</sup> sister Olive  
not forgotten by me. no I remember old  
friends. all though I have not written  
to you some time, it has been on the  
account of much buisness. I am well  
my family are tolerable fare. it is a time  
of health in the City of Nauvoo. the Emigra-  
tion is great here. there are coming in here  
from most Every State in the Union  
this place has grove half. since I got home  
the Temple ~~is~~ is getting on well. all seem to  
be interested in the concern. there is a  
great many Brick buildings going  
up this season. there is 7 or 8 Brick  
yards in this place. some have burnt  
three kilns this season. and men stand  
ready to take every brick as soon as they  
are cool. ~~Brother~~ Joseph feels as  
well as I Ever see him. one reason is  
he has got a small company. that he feels  
safe in there hands. and that is not all he  
can open his bosom to and feel him self safe



I wish you was here so as to feel and hear for  
your self. we have recieved some precious  
things through the Prophet on the breast  
board that would cause your Saul to rejoice  
I can not give them to you on paper for they  
are not to be witen. so you must come and get  
them for your self. - We have organised  
a Lodge here. of Masons. since we obtained a  
Charter. that was in March since that there has  
near two hundred. been made masons  
Br Joseph and Sidney was the first that was  
Recieved in to the Lodge. all of the twelve have  
become members Except Orson P. he hangs  
back. he will wake up soon. there is a similar  
ity. of breast board in masonry. Br Joseph  
bes masonry was taken from breast board  
but has become degenerated. but many things  
are perfect. we have a procession on the 24  
of June. which is called by Masons St Johns  
day in this country. ~~I think~~ I think it  
will result in good. the Lord is with  
us and we are prospered. Considering all  
things. Money is scarce. but provisions pl<sup>ty</sup>  
and cheap. the saints that come from England -



have all got in to business, and the greater  
part of them have got places. those that have  
means to by with. by lots. those that have  
not. go and take up lots on a disputed  
tract of land that lays in the limets of  
the city it cost nothing. for them. probably  
they will not be troubled for several years  
they go on to the Island where they get thare  
timber to build with and burn. this land  
lays on the bank of the River. and stone  
plenty by picking up. so what more can  
they ask. but at the same time thare <sup>men</sup> is  
that finds fault and are ready to denigh  
the Lord and turn traitors to thare Brethren.  
Some have found fault becaus we had no  
houses for them to go in when they gather  
Some becaus we did not make more of them  
and invite them home. and provide for them  
we would be glad if they could know we  
have as much as <sup>we</sup> can do to live our selves  
we are thonged off the day Long we would Esteem  
it a pleasure to retire from the sear. and rest  
our weary souls for a time but this will not  
do we must fite. Dear Br I can tell you our  
battle will be chort. and others will have to front the  
battle



my dear wife send much love to you and  
wife, you have my best wishes, you have  
my prayers. there is much excitement in this  
county on the account of our Election. we have  
nominated our own officers, and no doubt  
we shall elect them this makes the devil made  
and I am glad. So amen. I am as ever  
Heben. C. Kimball

Mr. J. J. Smith  
Manchester  
On Liverpool



Wauwac J. H. June 17<sup>th</sup> 1842  
Elder J. P. Pratt

Dear Brother

As I have an opportunity of sending a letter by Elders Fitch & Clark to my friends in England I thought I would improve it by saying a few words to Elder Pratt. But what shall I talk about in order to have it interesting to you. as to news I have not much except the whole world is in a hubbub except Nauvoo we have peace & quietness here L. W. Bogg has been shot in his own house but was alive the last accounts. Many of the papers thought the U. S. A. want to exchange with the Mormon papers our exchange list has increased to 100 weekly & many others want to exchange & most all have something to say about the Saints. Mobes are frequent through many parts of America, Texas has proclaimed war against Mexico. It is a healthy time in Nauvoo. The Temple & Nauvoo Home is progressing as fast as circumstances will permit but that is rather slow, emigration is like bees swarming. Nay flow in from all parts our congregations are exceedingly large. Many are baptized in the font for the dead we are all generally in good health & spirit & our families. As to deaths there has been but few of late among us. <sup>this</sup> Herman & Hick died a few days since, The Legion number



about 2000, the female Relief Society No 3 about 500  
the Nauvoo Masonic Lodge, about 300, all very active  
in their sphere, I think you would hardly know  
Nauvoo was you to come into it the prairies are  
ploughed & fenced & planted for miles around Nauvoo  
there is considerable excitement through the state  
about our voting in the coming election. President  
Bigelow runs for our Senator it is not yet decided  
who will run for our representatives, Mormonism  
is making quite a noise through the world where  
it is known. It does our souls good to hear  
of its continued progress in England my prayer  
is that the Lord will make you mighty & stand by you  
in every time of need, Elder John E. Page is in  
Pittsburgh, Wm Smith gone East all the rest of the  
Quorum is in Nauvoo, that one in this country Stearns  
with pot works, & other manufactures are going up,  
in this city give my respects to Sister Pratt & Child,  
& all who are in quire, I have forwarded you the  
T & Season to Manchester but lest you should  
not get them I send them again by Elder Fielding  
also the wraps & shall forward them hereafter to  
your address in Liverpool We receive your file  
of Stars which are interesting to us I forwarded  
the Stars to the man in Warsaw that told the lie  
to Elder L. Wright has gone out on a mission give him  
a chance & he will use that sword (your speech)  
with honor to himself & the sword to



The Sanits above manifest much interest  
in the book of Abulham in the S & Seasons  
it will be continued as fast as Joseph gets time  
to translate please write me to send her respects  
to brother & sister Matt we have a fine healthy girl  
3 months old our little boy came near killing  
himself drinking strong life but has got well again  
Steam Boat & rail road accidents are as frequent  
as ever fires &c. I have your letter read & so  
sent Joseph it was a good one I don't know  
whether it was answered or not, I have never seen  
Joseph as full of business as of late he hardly gets  
time to sign his name Lyman Johnson has  
just come into the Office is well in health  
Sisters O Matt J Taylor & W Woodhuff have  
been blessed with a present of a fine girl each  
since we came home & I expect the rest will soon  
When can I see Br Parley in Nauvoo I would  
soon so that he can get prepared to take that Sea  
Voyage with me to Gibraltar so that I can get  
that Sovereign for I have bought that Hammer  
I thought about the Hammer while I was wrecked on  
Lake Michigan last fall with my family & 300 persons  
on board the Closepeak nearly all expecting to find a  
watery grave for nearly 24 hours but we came out  
Strait Hammer & all no lives lost except a few  
jack asses pigs geese &c Write me a letter brother  
Parley the first opportunity upon one of computing as much  
matter of interest as I have put in this sheet & you will  
much Oblige  
W. Woodhuff



by J. Fielding

Mr. J. P. Pratt

Liverpool

England



[Orson Hyde]  
Ragunsbuagh den 22<sup>den</sup> Jan June 1842

Bro. Pratt,

I cannot but express my gratitude to you for giving me notice of Bro. Snider's arrival, and for the favourable news from my family. I feel thankful to the Lord that they are alive and well, and am glad that Bro. Snider has come to England again, as he is an old friend of us both. I shall be particularly pleased to see you both together.

Bro. Snider says, "come ahead"! I can see in my imagination every muscle and feature of Bro. Snider's countenance as he said those words. My respects and good wishes to him, and to Bro. Snider yourself and family.

I think that I shall be able to come to London by the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. My book is nearly all ready for the press, and I have made partial arrangements for its being printed, but as there are some things that indirectly lays the ax at the root of papacy, I know not but the police will take it away from me before I can get it out of the press. But if the Lord prosper, they shall soon have the trial. I have a printer engaged to undertake it. But, at best, I think it will be throwing stones into a hornet's nest.







Will you write me an receipt of this and let  
me know what you think still further about  
the matter. What will me to do.  
I think after the Lord being say  
gang zupindan, I will do the  
Gyanam (Kfun) I will do the  
I will do the  
Families.

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Care from my  
them to Regent

You need  
about me, I do  
or what I am doing. The Lord certainly knows,  
and I expect the Devil does also. If he does not,  
he will soon find out. And hope to make the Lord  
my trust. ~~That~~ It is no use to avoid trials here. We  
have got to suffer just about so much before  
we can reign with Christ, and the sooner they come, the  
sooner they will be over. The Lord give strength according  
to our day, and let the battle move, is my prayer.



P.S. I say for me, and I will even do for you  
 concerning Mr. Doobson I am not disappointed  
 though the other folks would go by the same old  
 Jane and Mr. Watson's statement, that I hope they will  
 not let these things move them. They good with them  
 to them when you see them, and also to Mr. Richardson  
 may the Lord bless you all  
 C. J. G.

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Regensburg August 10<sup>th</sup> 1842.

Dear Mr. Pratt,

I now sit down to tell you that I have completed my little book in the German language, and have laid the manuscript before the King's officers to get permission to publish and circulate it here. They have examined it, and have told me that they have read it with interest and attention; and that they find its contents will make so much disquiet among the people, that to preserve the peace and tranquility of His Majesty's subjects, they were sorry to tell me, that they could not give permission to publish it here. And further, that if I did publish it, the whole Edition would be confiscated, and I be liable to a fine and imprisonment. I <sup>then</sup> went to a printer to get him to publish it for me; but he said that he would not do it unless the government gave him permission.

But I have found another printer who has undertaken the job, and the book is partly in print. It is to be done next week. But I made this bargain with him, that if the book were seized by the police while it was in his hands, he should lose it; but if he completed it, and delivered it safely into my hands, then if it were seized, I would lose it.

I have been twice before the government concerning the matter, and to day they have sent for me to come again. A friend of mine told me this morning, that he thought they would give me a limited permission. At any rate, they have read, in their own language, what the Lord has said concerning those who reject his servant. It is my intention as soon as the book is out of press to go with it direct to Frankfurt which is a free state, and directly on the road to London. Write me I pray you, immediately, and direct to Frankfurt on the Main, and I will call at the office and get it when I arrive there. I intend to make a little stop in that town, but if the Lord will, I shall be at London by the 15<sup>th</sup> Sept or before.

I read daily distressing accounts from England, just what we have told them of, and signs for the last 4 or 5 years; and yet they will not believe us. I deplore their condition. I pity the saints; and if they can find means to get away with, let them not care for me. I'll leave them to their <sup>(but save themselves from this ungodly generation.)</sup> thoughts the condition of the people so bad in England. Countrywide, war and rumors of war <sup>also</sup> characterize these days.



